

**Hanover Board of Health
PRESS RELEASE**

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The Hanover Board of Health is seeking volunteers for a Medical Reserve Corps that would assist in the event of a health emergency. Recent events such as Hurricane Katrina, tsunamis and the September 11 terrorist attacks have made communities all the more aware of the need for an organized group of qualified volunteers who are prepared to help. Future needs may include flu pandemic or bioterrorism. The Hanover Board of Health would like to identify, credential and train as many volunteers as possible. Volunteers may be practicing or retired nurses, physicians, pharmacists and physician assistants, and those with experience in public health, mental health and allied health professionals or community members without medical training to assist with administrative and other essential support functions. Volunteers may elect to serve their community both during emergencies and for more routine public health needs such as immunization clinics, screenings and health education. Volunteers may also choose to serve only in their town or as part of a regional 4B Medical Reserve Corps.

Information sessions and trainings will be held as described below.

For more information, contact Jeanmarie Joyce, Hanover Board of Health, Health Agent at (781) 826-4611.

*Communities in Region 4b are: Arlington, Belmont, Braintree, Brookline, Cambridge, Canton, Chelsea, Cohasset, Everett, Dedham, Hanover, Hingham, Hull, Milton, Needham, Newton, Norwell, Norwood, Quincy, Revere, Scituate, Somerville, Watertown, Wellesley, Westwood, Weymouth and Winthrop.

Region 4b Medical Reserve Corp (MRC)

Training Schedule

Winter-Spring 2007

**** You can attend trainings in any community; all will be offered again. Contact Alison Minkoff with questions or to RSVP at 617-665-3871 or aminkoff@challiance.org ****

Courses being offered:

Emergency Dispensing Sites (EDS) Part 1:

The training will prepare you to work with public health department staff and other volunteers to support distribution of medication or vaccine efficiently, expediently and safely during an emergency.

Home Preparedness 101: Simple Steps for Individuals and Families:

Emergency preparedness begins at home. This training provides simple steps that individuals and families can take to prepare for most emergencies. Covered in this training are: preparing to "shelter in place"; developing an evacuation kit; and making a family communication plan. Participants will make their own emergency kit.

Incident Command System:

*The Incident Command System provides a consistent nationwide template to enable all government, private-sector, and nongovernmental organizations to work together during domestic incidents. *** All volunteers must complete ICS-100 and NIMS-700. If you cannot attend trainings offered you can take them online at <http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/is100.asp> (ICS 100) <http://www.training.fema.gov/emiWeb/IS/is700.asp> (NIMS 700). You will be required to document completion of these courses.*

Pandemic Planning and Avian Flu Training:

The presentation explains what a pandemic is and describes the pandemics that have occurred in the last 100 years. It will discuss the current status of the H5N1 strain of avian flu. The program will look at the phases of pandemic response and how to protect yourself during the time of a pandemic.
CEUs and CMEs will be offered!

Behavioral Health Disaster Response – Psychological First Aid:

This presentation explains behavioral health response to a disaster or emergency. The presentation covers the long-term behavioral health effects of disasters; a definition of Psychological First Aid; and intervention techniques.

The Bureau of Communicable Disease Control, Massachusetts Department of Public Health, designates this continuing medical education activity for a maximum of 2.5 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™. A maximum of 3.0 nursing contact hours for this program will be provided

This list contains only local training sites. For a more complete list please contact Alison Minkoff at the above e-mail address.

March 2007

Behavioral Health Disaster Response – Psychological First Aid

Date: Thursday, March 22nd ***Time:*** 6-8:30 p.m.

Location: Quincy City Hall, 1305 Hancock St., 2nd floor conference room, Quincy

April 2007

Emergency Dispensing Site (EDS) Training, Part 1

Date: Wednesday April 11th ***Time:*** 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Location: Canton Public Library meeting room, 786 Washington St., Canton

Home Preparedness 101: Simple Steps for Individuals and Families

Date: Thursday, April 12th ***Time:*** 6-7:30 p.m.

Location: Quincy City Hall, 1305 Hancock St., 2nd floor conference room, Quincy

Emergency Dispensing Site (EDS) Training, Part 1

Date: Monday, April 23rd ***Time:*** 6-8 p.m.

Location: Norwell Town Hall, Osbourne Room, 345 Main St., Norwell

May 2007

Incident Command System (ICS100/NIMS700)

Date: Tuesday, May 8th ***Time:*** 1-3 p.m.

Location: Hanover Town Hall, large hearing room 550 Hanover St., Hanover

Emergency Dispensing Site (EDS) Training, Part 1

Date: Monday, May 14th ***Time:*** 1-3 p.m.

Location: St. Anthony's Parish Center, 10 Summer St., Cohasset